FEATURE EVENT WON BY BELVASIA

George stake, valued at \$5,000, for 2:12 trotters, the feature event at the track across the river this afterwhen to Belvasia, driven by Walter Cox. Belvasia won the first heat handly from Chatty Direct. Ed Geers, with Arip Leyburn, landed the second(, when Cox got into a pocket. The third heat found Belvasia spain in a pocket, but Cox got free at the far turn, and rushed under the wire first. Al Stanley, who finished fourth, was placed last for pacing.

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Major Wellington, favorite in the 2:03 trot, was distanced in the second heat, the race being won by Muda Guy, Earnest, with Cox in the suiky, easily disposed of the field in the 2:15 pace, winning in straight heats. Cope, the Canadian horse, was the contender. Owing to scratches, the 2:03 pace was declared off. Ed Geers worked The Harvester a mile in 2:05, the last quarters being covered in :291-2. Summaries:

2:09 trot. purse \$1,2000, three in nve
—Muda Guy, b. m., by Guy Axworthy,
first; Dorothy Hansboro, b. m., second; Chatty Direct, b. m., third.
Direct Tone, br. g., third. Best time, 2:07.3-4.
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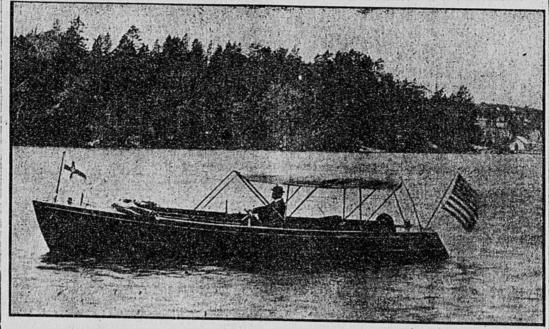
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Pertinent Comment

Final arrangements for the intercity baseball series between the championship team of the District of Columbia and the championship team of Richmond have been completed, so far as the Richmond end is conceptiated, so far as the declarated that not for love money of the Richmond end is a possibility on the Washington will hereafted that not for love money of the Richmond team. Strange how opinions change and how the discard of, sesterday becomes the star of town opinions, change and how the discard of, sesterday becomes the star of town opinions, change and how the discard of, sesterday becomes the star of town opinions, change and how the discard of, sesterday becomes the star of town opinions change and how the discard of, sesterday becomes the star of town opinions change and how the discard of, sesterday becomes the star of town opinions change and how the discard of, sesterday becomes the star of town opinions change and how the discard of, sesterday becomes the star of t

And with the coming of Griffin, what is the 'true story behind Dobson's departure? Was he peeved, or miffed, or cut up, or did he really go to take care of a sick wife? Is he coming back, and what will become of Griffin if he does come back? Lots of room for conjecture, but what's the use of worrying? Pretty soon the season will be over.

Congressional "Ready-Letter-Writer"

ABRAHAM WALTER LAFFERTY.

If the attendance at the local games is what report says it is, then the published figures give the lie to any prediction that Richmond would be unsuccessful in faster company. Naturally the purchase price of the franchise would not be the only consideration. Along with the franchise will come added expenditures in the way of improving the local plant, and that there is vast room for improvement those who attend the games know full well. The cost of maintaining the team and the plant would be increased. Richmond would not be at home each week-end. But the fact that Richmond would not be here each week would but what the baseball appetites of the public to see the team in action when it does come home. tion when it does come ho

Right here and now is the time and the place to mention as emphatically as polite language will permit, that local patrons of the game are thoroughly and positively disgusted with the baseball produced in Richmond this season. Richmond, the very best city in this whole Southland, and one of the best measuring from occan to ocean, has been served the very poorest article of ball of any town in the country. Further, Richmond, Just as she has outgrown the class "C" variety of baseball. Without meaning to disparage any other town in this State, Richmond deserves something better than to be linked with the Virginia League, and there is an opportunity. The trouble is that the owners of the local franchise are so satisfied with the return received from the present linvestment that the public desire for better baseball is entirely disregarded, and will continue to be disregarded, and will continue to be disregarded. The Jersey City franchise is now for sale. Jersey City franchise is now for sale distinct of the first for the local owners will not put under the for the local owners will not put under t

the handwriting on the wall spella surely and positively that class "C" baseball is do med in this city, and the owners, if wise, will begin properly laterpreting this writing before the dollars which have flown easily into the coffers begin to flow out again.

Close students of the game yester-day will have noted that in the first mg Robert Vall pitched but three balls, while in the fifth Hogue pitched just five, and just that number of men faced him in the inning. He hit one and the other hit him, but all five struck at the first ball over.

Martin did a fast piece of work in the second, when he got Curiti's line drive and caught Staub miles off of first, completing the double.

Curtis's triple was perfectly legiti-mate, and it would have been a great catch if Wallace had managed to get his hands clamped on the ball. Wallace by the way, doesn't look quite so good on ground balls as he does on those in the air. He booted a couple yester-day which might have resulted seri-ously if Richmond had not been going

Charles came very near doing something which has never yet been accomplished in the local park. He drove one of Vail's benders to the right field fence and it hit up near the top if the ball had gone over-if.

Might be merely a hobby, but playing to take care of bunted balls under present conditions, especially with a force play at third possible, doesn't appeal to this writer. On several occasions yesterday hits counted which would have been out had the inner lines of defense been in their normat places.

Babb's hit in the fifth, which rolled easily over second, looked very much as if it might have been handled by either Priest or Martin,

Martin Walsh distinguished himself by his coaching ability. Nothing o

Staub made a great catch of Lucia' hard hit ball in the fifth.

Baker hit in hard luck. Every time he was up he hit the ball good and hard, but it went into a fielder's hand.

Mattis, instead of running when he put one in the air in the seventh, loared, and Kircher misjudged the fly Ralph landed on first when, if he had

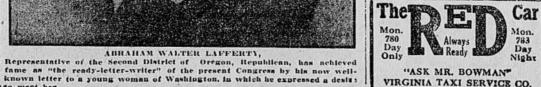
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It has been a long time since anything more lucky than Wallace's hit in the sixth has been noted. It just goes to show that when things are breaking good for a team, it is going to win. Wallace, trying to get out of the way of a mean curve, got a base hit. It was doubly lucky because everybody on the Norfolk team expected ed Wallace to bunt. Mattis was on first and nobody was down, and the sacrifice looked like the play. Instead Wallace was safe on first and Mattis advanced to third.

Baker hit in hard luck. Every time Baker hit in hard luck. Every time and curtis kept on around, and was caught going into third base.

In Richmond's half of the eighth Priest tried to steal home. He got a good start, but would have been caught had not Mattls, who was up, fouled the ball,

Because the locals objected to Pen-der, Verbout and Poole were the offi-clators, and they did pretty well.

Danville won, too, so there you are. And so did Petersburg, and there you ain't. Charlle Babb, please notice.

Henry Bernstein pulls this one: "Nor-folk's first baseban Folles many a would-be hit." Sergeant, cut the rope and let the ship ascend.

The Glants are now in second place, with prospects. Nearly a month at home should give them a chance to go West with a lead. And Christy Mathewson is right again.

Poor Detroit seems out of the Amer ican League race. Injuries and hard luck have worked havoc with the team,

RELEASES AND CONTRACTS.

Announcement by President Lynch of
National League.

New York, August 17.—President
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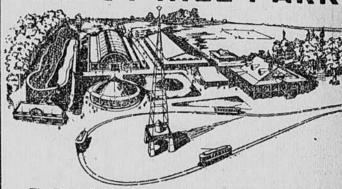
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